

CONSTITUTION BEATEN IN SENATE

Group Urges Voter Decision On Sales Tax

Salem—The Senate Tax Committee Monday approved a 3 per cent sales tax measure which would be referred to the voters at the November, 1964, election.

The vote was 6-1, with Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Gresham) the lone dissenter.

The move was designed to ease opposition to the Senate-House conference committee revenue compromise.

Conferee Sen. Glen Stadler (D-Eugene) said he now felt the Senate would accept the conference report because the voters would be given a chance to express their views on a sales tax.

House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) said the sales tax measure will "make the conference package palatable in the House."

Montgomery said several House Democrats told him they would vote for it.

House Republicans have favored a sales tax, but passage of a bill had been blocked by House Democrats.

Exemptions Listed

The measure approved by the Senate committee Tuesday would exempt food, drugs, feed, seed, fertilizer, and raw products used in manufacturing.

The measure was proposed by Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland). He said a sales tax would raise \$180 million a biennium.

Half of this would be used to offset property tax, 25 per cent would be used to offset personal income taxes, and the balance would go into the general fund.

As Senate-House tax conferees met Monday to approve their compromise income-cigarette tax program, Montgomery said he had been approached by "some House Democrats who asked that a sales tax referral be made a

part of the compromise revenue package."

When Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) said there was not enough time remaining to draft a sales tax measure, Stadler said voters could be asked to make a policy decision at the 1964 election.

"This would give the 1965 legislature a mandate from the people," he said.

Senate Tax committee members voting for the sales tax measure were Stadler, Pearson, Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras), Robert Elstrom (R-Salem), Donald Husband (R-Eugene) and Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario).

Overhulse and Elstrom, members of the tax conference committee that was unable to reach a compromise, had suggested that a sales tax referral be included as part of the revenue package.

Negroes Forecast Demonstrations In Jackson, Miss.

Jackson, Miss.—Negro leaders said today the city's "rather strong statements" that broke up a grievance session on civil rights left them no alternative but to begin racial demonstrations.

"There will be some demonstrations," said Medgar Evers, state field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Evers declined to say when the demonstrations would begin. A mass meeting of Negroes was scheduled for tonight to lay further plans in an integration campaign.

Negroes Walk Out

Negroes walked out of a meeting Monday with Mayor Allen Thompson and city officials to discuss racial problems in the Mississippi capital. Evers said it became obvious that no agreement could be reached after Thompson opened the meeting with a statement repeating his refusal to appoint a biracial committee to tackle racial problems.

Civil rights leaders had said the meeting's outcome would largely determine whether a series of massive anti-segregation demonstrations would be staged here.

Ministers' Efforts Fail

Efforts by top white clergymen to prevent demonstrations apparently were unsuccessful. A delegation of ministers called on the chamber of commerce Monday to request that action be taken to keep "the line of communications" open between the races. However, the chamber's directors voted to take no action on the request.

Any demonstration here is sure to be broken up by police. On previous occasions, they have used German Shepherd dogs and clubs to halt marches.

Outdoor Recreation Bill Signed Into Law

Washington—President Kennedy today signed into law a bill to step up coordinated federal, state and local expansion of outdoor recreation programs.

The legislation will enable the Interior Department through its new Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, to undertake planning, research and coordination tasks.

Cost of Living Continues Higher; Food Prices Drop

Decline Offset By Other Prices

Washington—The cost of living continued at a record high of 106.2 per cent during April, the Labor Department reported today.

Ewang Clague, head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said food prices dropped three tenths of 1 per cent but the decline was offset by increased prices for housing, used cars, newspapers and clothing.

The consumer price index was 1 per cent higher than a year ago, reflecting increased costs for food, housing and recreation. All major types of goods and services except transportation shared in the over-the-year advance.

Meal Price Down

Clague said the decrease in average food prices in April resulted largely from drops in the prices of meats, eggs and dairy products. The price of meat was the lowest since 1957, he said.

Meat, poultry and fish prices dipped 2.4 per cent. Beef and pork prices led the way with a drop of about 3.5 per cent.

However, prices for fruits and vegetables in crease. Fresh fruits climbed 4 per cent and fresh vegetables 1.6 per cent. Clague said this was largely a continuing result of frost which destroyed southern fruit crops last winter.

The price index for food during April stood at 104.3 per cent. This meant it cost a housewife \$10.43 to buy a basket of groceries that cost \$10 in 1947-49.

Four-Year-Old Killed in Mishap

Fred Irvin Meyers, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyers, Jacksonville, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon when crushed between a car door and a tree stump at his home, according to state police.

His father had placed an old car with one wheel missing on a steep hillside, officers said, and the boy had been playing in and around the car when it started to roll and caught the boy between the open door and stump.

The body was taken to Conger-Morris funeral home in Medford by Dr. Albert A. Griffin, osteopath and surgeon, Jacksonville.

Officers Named for Jacksonville Club

Jacksonville—Officers and board members of the Jacksonville Boosters club were named at a meeting of the organization here last night.

Robertson Collins was named president, Donald Wendt, vice president; Mrs. Arthur Roberts, secretary, and Robert Mitchell, treasurer.

The officers are also members of the board. Other directors named were George McOne, the Rev. O. L. E. Summers, Mrs. L. Houston Valentine, John Keaveny and Joe Cowley.

The organization, a non-profit group, has been formed to work for the general welfare of Jacksonville, principally through a long-range study of the community, the officers explained. Membership is open to anyone interested in the betterment of Jacksonville.

The officers will meet next Monday at the Jubilee club restaurant for a planning session. The next regular meeting for the whole membership will be held June 11 at the city hall at 7:30 p.m.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair Tuesday evening and Wednesday with scattered showers in the mountains this evening.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	53

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:35 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:44 a.m.
Full Moon Wednesday night
Tonight the Moon is seen in the constellation Leo, near Regulus, its brightest star. Between them is the rapidly dimming planet, Mars.



GREETING PRESIDENT—Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Medford, (left) shakes hands with Pusey during dedication ceremonies of the Center for the Visual Arts yesterday. (UPI)

Problem of Paint Odors Referred to Bar Committee

The problem of noxious roof paint odors disturbing a Jackson county circuit court trial last week will be referred to the Jackson County Bar association liaison committee, Circuit Judge James M. Main said this morning.

The circuit judge had a complete report of the incident on his desk this morning. Deputy District Attorney Thomas Owens questioned the people involved.

The report stated that the odor was noticed about 12:15 p.m. May 23. The circuit judge then ordered L. G. (Shy) Northland, court bailiff, to determine the cause. He climbed onto the roof and noticed a 12 by 10 foot area was yet unpainted, according to the report.

Northland told the painter no more painting should be done by order of the circuit court judge. When informed only a little painting remained to be completed, Northland said he would check with the judge.

Odor Becomes Worse

When court resumed at 1:30 p.m., the odor was worse. Checking again, the bailiff noticed a painter approaching with a five gallon paint can. He repeated the judge's order. The odor became even worse later, and Northland again climbed to the roof to check and noticed the small area had been painted.

Andy Bjornsen, building superintendent, said he told the painter to continue when he passed him carrying the paint. Later Circuit Court Secretary Nancy Myrick complained of the odor to Bjornsen and he told her the job was done.

Seeking confirmation from County Commissioner Don Faber, Faber told Bjornsen he did the right thing. Faber said later the courtroom air conditioner need not have been on, drawing in the paint odor, since it was only 68 degrees. Faber recalled he had been advised earlier of complaints about the painting but thought it was only about the noise caused.

Agriculture Building Gets Senate Approval

Salem—The Senate today approved a new 39,000-square foot agriculture building.

The \$1 million structure, which would be built in about two years, is planned as the first unit in a group which ultimately would house state natural resources agencies headquartered here.

Final location and design of the structure have not yet been determined, although the structure is to be a part of the Capitol mall program.



DELIVERS ADDRESS—Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Medford, is shown here delivering a short address during dedication ceremonies of the Center for the Visual Arts at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., yesterday. Listening behind is Dean Jose Luis Sert of the Harvard Graduate School of Design. (UPI)

Six Mentioned as Possible Successors To Pope John XXIII

Vatican City—A small group of cardinals—five Italians and one Armenian—have been consistently mentioned as possible successors to ailing Pope John XXIII.

The question of succession has been asked, as with every Pope, almost from the time Pope John himself was elected in 1958 at the age of 76.

Now, with the Pope lying seriously ill in the Vatican, it is being asked with new urgency all over the world.

No Right To Choose

The answer lies beyond the knowledge of any person, including Pope John himself. The papacy does not carry with it the right to choose one's own successor.

The choice could fall to one of those considered leading contenders or to someone whose name has not even come up. There is no way to foretell what the College of Cardinals will do when it meets in secret conclave to elect a new Pope.

Probably the best example of the unpredictability of papal succession is Pope John himself. Almost no one had placed him among the "favorites" when the cardinals met in 1958 to choose the suc-

Pope Suffering From 'Growth,' Vatican Reveals

Vatican City—The Vatican announced today that Pope John XXIII is suffering from an "abnormal growth" in the stomach, which medical sources said probably means he has cancer.

Vatican sources said the 81-year-old Pope's condition was "critical" and there were fears for his life.

An official communique said the Roman Catholic pontiff is continuing to suffer internal hemorrhages resulting from the "eteroplasia gastrica" or "gastric heteroplasia" which has afflicted him for about a year.

Eteroplasia is a Greek word meaning "abnormal growth." Medical sources said the "gastric heteroplasia" could mean the Pope has stomach cancer. Wording Kept Vague

The wording of the communique appeared to be deliberately vague, but it was as close as the Vatican has come to saying that the aging Pope's ailment is cancer.

Medical authorities were cautious in interpreting the wording of the communique, but said from what they have read they have no doubt the Pope has cancer.

The chief librarian for the British Cancer Research Council in London said the term applied to the Pope's illness "could mean cancer but not necessarily so."

"Technically," he said, "it means the development of abnormal tissues, but also the development of normal cells in the wrong place."

"Neoplasia, on the other hand, would mean a 'new growth' and definite cancer. The Vatican's use of 'heteroplasia' could be a euphemism."

Dr. J. G. Bennette, secretary of the British Association for Cancer Research, another leading cancer expert, said: "Gastric heteroplasia might be anything. It could mean cancer. Equally, it could not."

When the Pope first showed signs of his illness last November, the Vatican described it as "stomach trouble" and said the bleeding he suffered has caused severe anemia.

The ailment forced the Pope into bed, and it generally was considered at the time to be a bleeding ulcer. But since then, there have been numerous reports that his trouble really was cancer. The Vatican neither confirmed nor denied the reports.

Businessmen Plan Billboard Purchase

Talent—The Talent-Phoenix Businessmen's association is planning to buy billboard space in an effort to keep traffic on Highway 99 after the Interstate 5 freeway section between Medford and Ashland opens this summer.

At a meeting here last night, the group decided to meet at the Phoenix city hall Monday, June 10, to select copy for the billboard and consider bids that have been received from two outdoor advertising firms.

The board is expected to be located between the north city limits of Ashland and the Valley View rd. interchange where traffic will leave the present highway in order to get on the freeway. It will face northbound traffic.

The organization is seeking a slogan to describe the area between Ashland and Medford for use on the board.

A membership drive is now in progress. In excess of 150 businesses are located between the north city limits of Ashland and south city limits of Medford, association leaders pointed out, and they hope to sign up at least 90 per cent of them.

Firemen Make 362 Home Inspections

Eighty-three recommendations for cleaning up homes were made this week as the Medford fire department continued a house to house inspection of the city.

Of the 362 homes visited, 176 families were not at home, 35 families refused the inspection and 68 were reported to have no fire hazards.

The annual inspection by the fire department is to help prevent fires started in the homes from faulty electrical circuits or combustion due to improper storage of flammable materials, firemen noted.

Necessary Votes Three Short for Final Passage

Executive Provision Results in Defeat

Salem—The slow movement of a new constitution toward the voters of Oregon was halted in the Senate today by three votes.

Senators voted 17-13 in favor of the document. It needed two-thirds, or 20, to pass.

The action seemed to spell the final, and unsurmountable, obstacle for the constitution this session.

Its supporters, however, felt the long work on the document by a commission and then by legislative committees was not completely lost.

May Seek Convention

The draft remains. It was possible its strongest advocates in the state would try to seek a constitutional convention. If not, legislators said the proposal would get more attention, and probably be further revised and sent on to the voters at the 1965 legislature.

The document went down to defeat in the Senate over its provision for a strong executive branch headed by a governor as the state's single elective executive officer.

Sen. L. W. Newberry (R-Ashland) said it was incongruous to ask the people to vote to deny themselves the right to vote for five elective officials, as the state has at present.

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) replied that fears about a strong executive were "unfounded." He said the document also provided strong checks. He and others appealed to the Senate not to stand between the document and the people.

Voting for the proposed constitution were Sens. R. F. Chapman, Vern Cook, Ward Cook, Alfred Corbett, Edward Fadesley, Al Fiegel, Ted Hallock, Donald Husband, Glenn Huston, Walter Lamb, Thomas Mahoney, Tom Monaghan, Boyd Overhulse, Walter Pearson, Glen Stadler, Don Willner and Yturri.

Earlier, the Senate rejected the document over legislative apportionment. A compromise swung eight votes to it today, but others switched away from it to spell its defeat.

Only 12 out of 30 senators voted for the document last week.

Portland Bottling Plants Picketed

Portland—Truck drivers and production employees went on strike today against local area soft drink bottling plants.

Pickets from Teamsters' Local 162 were stationed at half a dozen plants.

An employer spokesman said the dispute was over wages. He said employers made a "final offer" Monday of a 10-cent hourly hike effective April 1, with another 10 cents in each of the next two weeks.

Employers said the union sought a pay hike of 32½ cents an hour the first year and 22½ cents the second year of a two-year contract.

Driver-salesmen have been receiving \$3.05 an hour and production employees 10 cents an hour less under the old contract, employers said.

Deputies Investigate Gibbon Road Accident

Sheriff's deputies are investigating today the hit and run accident on Gibbon rd. near Upton rd. yesterday when two boys on bicycles were hit by a motorcycle and knocked into a ditch.

Bruce A. Pomeroy, route 2, box 668, Central Point, reported one of the boys was his son. The two boys, 9 and 12 years old, received slight injuries, deputies said.

It is this measure that will go to the voters.

The other measure, a bill that needs the governor's signature, would change the penalty for first degree murder from death to life imprisonment. The convicted person would have to serve at least 10 years before becoming eligible for parole, and then would be subject to parole for the rest of his life.

Constitution Loss Said Disappointing

Portland—Reed College Prof. Richard Jones, secretary of the Citizens Committee for the Revised Constitution, expressed disappointment at the vote by which the Senate defeated a proposed new constitution today.

"I am confident we will not let the matter die now."

"My hunch would be that we will not wait two years and try the legislature again," he said.

The document could be kept alive either through a constitutional convention or an initiative measure. He said the committee's executive board would meet soon to make the decision.

"It's a great disappointment after all the compromises that were made," Jones said. Noting that all eight senators who opposed the constitution because of its apportionment plan when it lost the first time voted for it today, but three others switched sides, he added:

"I think some people were looking for an excuse to vote against it. They apparently found the executive article acceptable the first time but then changed their mind," Jones said.

MEASURE APPROVED

Salem—The Senate today approved a measure providing an additional circuit court judge for Lane and Washington counties.

NEWS BRIEFS

ROOF COLLAPSES ON CROWD IN LISBON

Lisbon, Portugal—A new stone roof collapsed today on a crowd standing on the platform of Lisbon's busiest railway station. Hospital officials said 25 persons were killed and 38 injured.

ECUADOR SEIZES U.S. TUNA BOATS

Washington—The Ecuadorian navy was reported leading two American tuna boats into port today with 21 other U.S. tuna vessels following along in protest. The State department said the two boats, both from San Diego, Calif., were accused by Ecuador of fishing off the coast without a license.

X15 TEST FLIGHT DELAYED BY WEATHER

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.—An X15 flight by the world's fastest flying aircraft pilot was postponed today because of overcast weather, the Federal Space agency said. Veteran Test Pilot Joe Walker had been scheduled to streak the rocket ship to the edge of space at nearly six times the speed of sound to check heat rates on the fuselage and supercritical stability.